

STEELWORKER FACING MURDER CHARGE FOLLOWING LOVE TRIANGLE STABBING

Officials Open Crenshaw Link with Ribbon Cutting



STREET SCENE . . . Ella Mae McLeod, 17-year-old runner up to Miss Torrance last year, helps Mayor Mervin M. Schwab snip the tape across Crenshaw Blvd. while Supervisor Burton W. Chace beams his approval. The strip of Crenshaw between Sepulveda Blvd. and Lomita Blvd. was opened Friday morning.

Final Torrance Link Of Crenshaw Opened

Opening of a new \$200,000 stretch of Crenshaw Blvd. linking Sepulveda Blvd. and Lomita Blvd. was observed officially Friday morning as city and county officials turned out to witness a ribbon-cutting ceremony presided over by Ella Mae McLeod, who was hastily given the title of "Miss Crenshaw" in honor of the occasion.

On hand for the dedication were Supervisor Burton W. Chace, County Road Commissioner Sam Kennedy, Mayor Mervin M. Schwab, City Manager George Stevens, Chamber Secretary Dale Isenberg, Lomita Chamber President Leonard Loy, and a

Merchants Offer Free Bus Rides For \$\$\$\$ Days

Torrance merchants will offer free bus rides to town next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as they hold 1954's first Dollar Day sales throughout downtown Torrance.

Coupons entitling shoppers to ride the bus downtown from any stop in the 15-cent fare are included in today's Herald on page 5. The second coupon will be good for a ride home when validated by one of the cooperating Torrance merchants.

Torrance merchants have jammed their stores with quality merchandise to offer during the three-day sale. Stores will be open until 9 p. m. Friday to allow shoppers to take advantage of the bargains, according to James Squire, new president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

size battery of newsmen and photographers.

The completion of the nearly two-mile stretch of Crenshaw completed the last link of the roadway between Wilshire Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. Another length of the road has been partially completed between the highway and Palos Verdes Dr., and it will eventually reach the ocean near Portuguese Bend.

Scheduled completion date for the project was March 24, but contractor J. A. Thompson and Son beat that date, due mainly to the ideal weather prevailing during the early winter. He started on the project on Oct. 22, 1953.

All but the southern few feet of the roadway is in the city of Torrance, and Supervisor Chace said he had been told that an estimated 68000 vehicles will use the thoroughfare daily.

Potentate To Install El Toga Club Officers

Potentate William J. Vaughan of Al Malakka Temple will install Fred G. Boren president and Charles T. McCann secretary at an installation dinner for new officers of El Toga Shrine Club from the Torrance-Gardena area, to be held Saturday night, Feb. 13, at the Western Club in Gardena.

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Murder Suspect Plea To Be 'Not Guilty'

Held to answer on charges of first degree murder at a preliminary hearing Friday in South Bay Municipal Court, a Shoe-string Strip man will appear in Long Beach Superior Court on Feb. 18 for arraignment.

Ygnacio Garcia, 28, is charged with stabbing a love rival in an argument at 2218 W. 205th St. on Dec. 4 and is being held in County Jail without bail.

The victim of the alleged stabbing, Timothy Lorry, 46, died in Harbor General Hospital on Dec. 18.

Garcia's attorneys, Tom Allen and Dudley Gray of Gardena, indicated Friday that they would

have their client enter a plea of not guilty at the arraignment and ask for a jury trial.

Garcia, who told police he was an employee of Columbia Steel, is accused of stabbing Lorry three times on the night of Dec. 4 after an argument over the affections of Molly Gutierrez, 27, of 2218 W. 205th St., mother of three young children.

Investigators stated that Garcia returned home to find his girl friend gone. He asked her children where she was and they told him that she was out with Lorry. When Lorry drove up with the woman, it is alleged, Garcia pulled her from the car and took her into the house. Lorry tried to follow and a fight ensued, during which he was stabbed three times, according to police records.

An assault with a deadly weapon charge, filed against Garcia after the fight, was changed to first degree murder after Lorry died on Dec. 18. A motion to reduce the charge to manslaughter was denied at the preliminary hearing.

Self-Defense Plea Garcia's attorneys said that they would base their case on self-defense and also hinted that they may attempt to prove that the stabbing was not the proximate cause of death. Attorney Gray stated that an autopsy brought out the fact that Lorry suffered from an 80 per cent obstruction of the coronary artery, which functioned at only 20 per cent efficiency.

William Keene, Deputy District Attorney of South Bay Municipal Court, will handle the prosecution.



KENNETH S. NORRIS
Marineland Curator

Curator for Marineland of Pacific Named

Appointment of Kenneth S. Norris as Curator for Marineland of Pacific, the \$3,000,000 Oceanarium nearing completion at Portuguese Bend near Pt. Vicente Light, was announced this week by Ray W. Smith, vice president and general manager.

The 4-story high Oceanarium will contain two of the largest salt water tanks in the world to hold captive thousands of specimens from the sea, which may be viewed "at home" through 358 windows in their simulated giant sea coves.

Norris, born and educated in Los Angeles, resigned his position as Research Assistant at the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography at La Jolla to accept his new appointment.

Graduate of Van Nuys High School, Norris entered UCLA to study for a BA degree in Zoology but his training was interrupted by a two-year service as deck and gunnery officer (Lieut. j. g.) aboard a troop transport during World War II. This service carried him through the Asiatic-Pacific, Indo-Pacific and European War theatres.

Upon demobilization, he resumed his studies at UCLA, earned his BA and later his Master's degree in Zoology under the guidance of Dr. Raymond B. Cowles.

Norris has participated in biological survey parties of the first atom bomb blast area at Socorro, N. M., and has joined two scientific fish collecting expeditions under the direction of Dr. Boyd W. Walker of UCLA in California and Mexican waters.

Copter Pilot Loses Wheels, Hits the Wool

A Harbor City pilot's skill and his ground crew's ingenuity brought a wheel-less helicopter to a pile of wool blankets and a safe landing in Korea recently.

Marine Capt. John O. Dunphy, an observation helicopter pilot, found he had lost the "chopper's" wheels after an engine failure forced an emergency landing in a rice paddy. He flew the helicopter to the squadron base to save time in recovering the vital craft.

At the base, Capt. Dunphy settled the helicopter safely onto a pile of blankets. The ground crew had improvised a "cushioned" landing strip.

A Marine Corps Reserve pilot, the captain was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for his World War II action as a carrier pilot. Before recall to active duty in June, 1951, he was a member of the Los Angeles Police Department.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dunphy of 2042 W. 255th St., Harbor City, and husband of the former Miss Evelyn E. Johnson of Lomita.

Crenshaw School Unit Set for Bid

Construction of a unit that "will eliminate double sessions at the Crenshaw School—maybe" is to be the subject of a bid call to be held at 10:30 a. m., Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, has announced.

A three wing unit containing 14 permanent classrooms will be constructed at the school, which is located at 1820 Crenshaw Blvd. Completion of the addition is expected by next autumn.

Dr. Hull said "The classrooms will eliminate double sessions at the school—maybe." The unit will be constructed of prefabricated, reinforced concrete and will replace portable bungalows which have been used at the school for two years.

G. F. Schrieber and J. L. Peterson, architects, prepared plans for the school building.

Topic of Sermon Told

"What Will Be, Will Be," will be the sermon topic of the Rev. J. J. Walker at the 10:30 a. m. service of the First Christian Church, 1415 Engracia Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 14.

Jaycees Seek Double Present Membership

Noting that the population of Torrance has doubled in the past three years, officials of the Junior Chamber of Commerce decided that its membership could stand a similar growth.

As a result of that observation, a full-fledged drive is now under way to increase the membership from 60 to more than 120, according to President Vern T. Lovelady.

The roster of the Jaycees has been divided and the two teams of members are competing, with the help of a pair of fair-sized turtles, for a beans or steak dinner at the end of the drive, April 1.

Heading up the drive is the club's general membership chairman, First Vice-President Dale Stanton.

Bloodmobile at Civic Tomorrow

Needles will be out at the Civic Auditorium tomorrow to take pints of blood from local residents to build up the national reserve, help servicemen in hospitals here and overseas, and supply the anti-polio serum, gamma globulin.

The Bloodmobile will be here from 3 to 7:30 p. m., Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman for Torrance branch, American Red Cross, said.

"If you haven't had time to make an appointment, come anyway," the chairman said. "We'll be able to squeeze you in—and your blood is needed."

Donor requirements, Mrs. Jones revealed, are the following: Age: 21 to 60 years. Minors from 18 to 21 years may be accepted upon written consent from their parents. (This release form is available at the local office, 1754 Torrance Blvd.)

Weight: Donors must weigh at least 110 lbs. Frequency: There must be an interval of 12 weeks between donations.

Nourishment: Eat your regular meals, but avoid excessive fatty foods.

Planners OK \$1,500,000 in Housing Tracts

Tentative maps for four housing tracts valued at more than \$1,500,000 were OK'd by the City Planning Commission and recommended to the City Council for approval at the Wednesday meeting of the commission.

The largest tract is a 141-lot development near 182nd St. and Prairie Ave. to be built by the Stamford Construction Co. John Kettler, builder of Kettler Knolls, is undertaking two tracts in the Knolls area, one a 45-lot and the other a 19-lot development.

A 38-lot tract at 174th St. and Wilton Pl. by the Wait Construction Co. and an 18-lot development south of Sepulveda Blvd. near Hawthorne Blvd. by the A. D'Amato Construction Co. were approved.

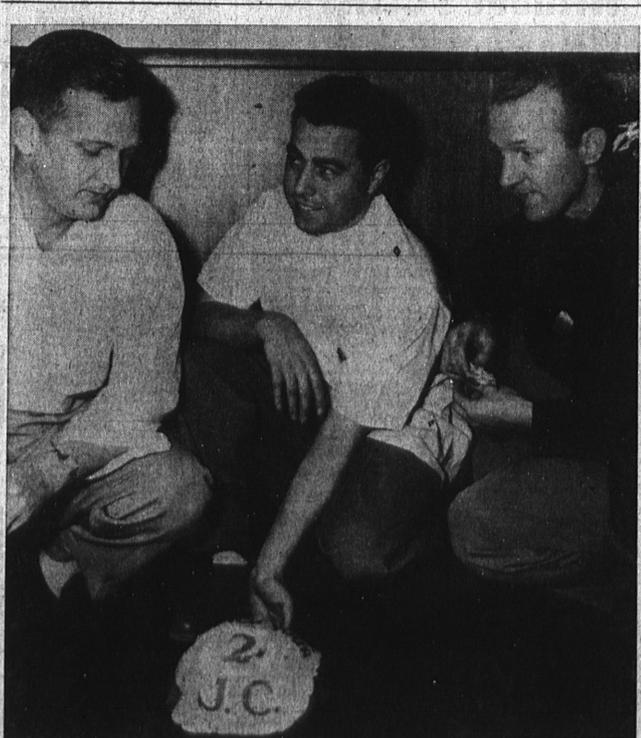
Three zoning variances have been recommended for approval and final action is expected from the City Council this week.

The variances are for a nursery at 18357 Crenshaw Blvd. by Shizuka Kato, a medical office at 2410 Torrance Blvd. by Dr. Allen Pyeatt, and a machine shop at 2420 W. Sepulveda Blvd. by John Garrison.

Chamber Offers Tax Form Help On March 3, 4, 5

Having income tax trouble? A representative of the San Pedro office of the Department of Internal Revenue will set up shop in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce building on March 3, 4 and 5 from 9 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. to offer help in filing income tax forms.

Frank T. Tomita, of the California State Franchise Tax Board will visit the Chamber on March 5 to help taxpayers file their state income tax returns. The services are free of charge.



TURTLE DERBY . . . Jaycee Members Doug Horlander, Al Greenberg, and Vern Lovelady try to decide who is next to receive the "hot turtle" after Greenberg signed up a new member. The turtle is being used to spur new memberships in the Junior Chamber.